

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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TOP SECRET

1. Turkey

a. Last night's unsuccessful coup was the second in the past fifteen months by Colonel Talat Aydemir and the officers of the Military Academy.

b. With some help from armored units, the rebels managed at midnight to occupy the Ankara and Istanbul radio stations and a number of government buildings in the capital. By dawn, however, all major military commands had declared their loyalty to the government.

c. The air force, ignoring an admonition from the General Staff against extreme action, finished the coup off by bombing and strafing the academy and General Staff buildings where the rebels had holed out. Many casualties have been reported.

d. Ankara and Istanbul are now under martial law and the rest of the country is apparently quiet. Fragments of rebel forces are being hunted out, but Aydemir is reported to have escaped.

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e. The affair, like its predecessor, is symptomatic of deep-seated dissatisfaction throughout the Turkish military establishment.

f. Senior officers, who have felt that Inonu is "too old and too soft" toward his opposition, have been plotting a coup themselves. Junior officers are disgusted both with the government and with their superiors. Inter-service squabbles are likely to be aggravated by the air force's action last night.

2. Haiti

a. [redacted]
planning an attempt to assassinate
Duvalier [redacted]

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c. Several grenades were exploded in the capital last night. Although the action was apparently directed against back country peasants being housed in schools, streets near the palace have been blocked off as a precautionary move.

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3. Cuba

a. Recent Cuban refugees report "strong rumors" in Havana that Mikoyan is in Cuba. We can not confirm this, but are checking further.

b. Mikoyan has not been seen in the USSR since 2 May, when Castro called on him at home. We have assumed he is ill.

c. Another interesting coincidence is the special out-of-schedule TU-114 flight from Moscow to Havana on 8 May. No ready explanation for this flight has cropped up. [redacted]

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d. For the second week running, Havana has dispensed with its usual incitements to hemisphere revolt and subversion. Coverage has stressed US racial riots, but generally there has been a somewhat more conciliatory tone.

e. A Prensa Latina dispatch on 13 May, attributed to a Washington correspondent, noted "For the first time since he became President, Kennedy did not refer to Cuba in his weekly appearance before the press.... Meanwhile, even the worst enemies of the Cuban revolutionary government in Washington are beginning to

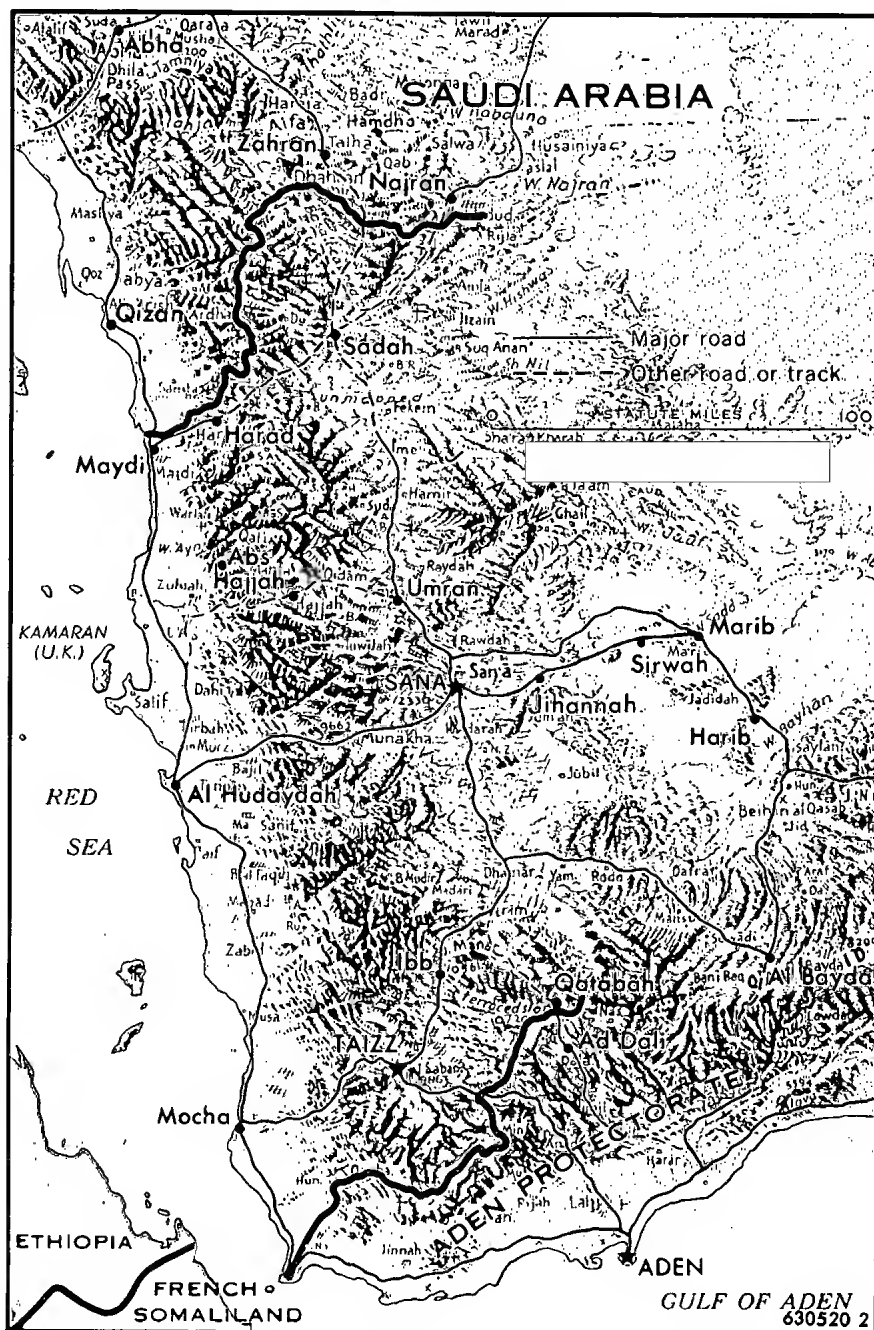
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admit the necessity for being realistic and are speculating on the necessity of coexistence with a country ruled by norms foreign to the socioeconomic structure of the United States."

f. The following day Havana radio repeated this comment and added "There are those in the US who believe that by negotiating and accepting the Cuban government's conditions they may be able to recover something, and something is better than nothing. After all, business is business."

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4. Cuba-Albania

a. Cuba has decided to open a diplomatic mission in Albania, nearly two and a half years after relations were formally established and a year and half after the arrival in Havana of the resident Albanian ambassador.

b. The first secretary of the Cuban embassy in Rabat has been named Cuban charge d'affaires to Tirana.

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c. The move [redacted] [redacted] may be an attempt by Castro to show his "neutrality" in the Sino-Soviet dispute despite his triumphal tour of the USSR. It will not sit well in Moscow. [redacted]

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5. Yemen

a. The character of the fighting in Yemen has remained largely unchanged in recent weeks.

b. Egyptian air strikes within Yemen were recently hampered by weather but are now being maintained

[redacted] Royalist tribesmen, for their part continue to put up stiff resistance.

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d. The Egyptians may be tempted in the circumstances to undertake some larger scale operation to set the royalists back

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6. Laos

a. Kong Le's troops, with the help of Meo and Lao army elements, tried to take Xieng Khouang town over the weekend.

b. They have not succeeded, and the Communist garrison is counter-attacking.

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c. Skirmishing elsewhere in the Plaine des Jarres has also picked up in tempo. So, too, have Communist charges that the situation is becoming dangerous and can only be reversed "if the US-Phoumist aggressors are immediately checked."

d. Thus the stage has been set for another Communist move forward, in retaliation for the attack on Xieng Khouang.

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7. Ecuador

a. A top Ecuadoran Communist, Jose Maria Roura, was arrested at Quito airport Sunday on his arrival from London [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. He was carrying [REDACTED] documents and [REDACTED] a plan for terrorist activities in Ecuador, and some fifty US \$500 bills.

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c. The plan for subversion is [REDACTED] part of an overall plan drafted by Che Guevara for terrorism in five Latin American countries.

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